

LINCOLN WATER COMMISSIONERS

MAY 9, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln Board of Water Commissioners was held at the Lincoln Water Commission Office with Commissioners Conklin, Hadley, Lapierre, and Kay present. Also present was Water Superintendent John S. Faile, and Maureen Smith. Erin Cinelli and Valerie Garland, students at Regis College attended the meeting as part of their college syllabus to attend public meetings. Commissioner DeCotis was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 PM.

Upon motion of Commissioner Lapierre, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Lapierre, the Superintendent Report for the month of April is accepted.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Lapierre, the April, 2012 correspondence will be sent to the Town of Lincoln Finance Director with the status of the operating budgets and

the financial report placed on file for audit. APPROVED

OUTSTANDING BALANCE REPORT

The Outstanding Balance Report for the month of April, 2012 will be placed on file.

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

The Accounts planning report for the month of April was received by the Board and will be placed on file.

MONTHLY INVOICES

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, Accounts Payable in the amount of \$189,556.21, and Direct Payments in the amount of \$367,647.40 were approved for payment.

APPROVED

ABATEMENTS

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Lapierre, Abatements in the amount of \$2,873.54 are approved as follows: - \$1.07 for removal of interest added after payment was received; \$2,474.63 adjustment for over estimated billings; \$4.67 for senior abatement of surcharges; \$119.75 removed billing because house is vacant; \$63.91 removed bills and rebilled with additional zero added to reading; \$200.00 removed termination notice fees from accounts, \$9.51 removed state tax from an account that is tax exempt.

APPROVED

ACCOUNT TRANSACTION REPORT

The Account Transaction report will be placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Secretary Kay read a letter from a Kilburn Avenue customer who is refusing to pay a water bill he is disputing. After a very lengthy discussion the Board instructed the staff to continue with normal operating policies and procedures.

b) A current listing of Rhode Island State Representatives and Senators was given to the Board

c) Secretary Kay then read a letter sent from the Town of Smithfield to the Superintendent congratulating him for being appointed as a nonvoting member of the interim Water Consolidation Board.

d) A letter from a Musket Road resident commending Foreman Lewis Prescott and utility men John Christo and Gary Scotto for performing their day to day tasks in an extraordinary manner was read by Secretary Kay. Gray Scotto responded to a problem at the home of the resident's parents and John Christo and Lewis Prescott resolved a problem at his residence. He felt that all three employees' responses were outstanding. Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Lapierre, the letter will be placed in the personnel files of each employee. APPROVED.

e) Commissioner Hadley requested that a congratulatory letter be sent to Christian Caraccia for having achieved the Eagle Scout award for leading a crew in painting fire hydrant tops to denote static

pressure.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Continued discussion took place relative to current State legislation

Letters will be sent to area legislator concerning bills S2376 in the Senate and H7865 in the House of Representatives.

b) The Superintendent gave the Board an update on the status of the Martin Street Bridge. There has been no response to letters from the State of Rhode Island Department of Transportation.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Discussion took place concerning older water meters in household pits. After a very lengthy discussion and questions from Commissioner Lapierre concerning residents in the older sections of the Town it was determined to continue the replacement program according to procedure. Low income grants may be available to assist in cases of financial hardship.

b) The 2011 yearend Town financial report was available and reviewed by the Board.

c) A 2012/2013 Draft budget was presented to the Board for review. Commissioner Lapierre will come into the office to examine the back up for each line item.

d) The Westwood Road tank will be drained and training will take place on May 16th prior to inspection.

e) Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner

Hadley, the Consumer Confidence Report is accepted and available for distribution and web page updating. APPROVED

f) The planned dedication of Sycamore Landing by the Blackstone River Water shed Council will take place on June 21st.

SAFETY/TRAINING

Members of the staff attended the Trade Show Training Session at Wright's Farm on May 2nd, presented by ASRWWA.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm